

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Washington County Historical Society receives Minnesota Historical & Cultural Grant

Stillwater, Minn. – The Washington County Historical is pleased to announce the awarding of a Minnesota Historical & Cultural Grant, [Legacy Funds], to complete a documentary, titled, *She Who Would Giants Fight*, about the life of Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl.

The feature length documentary tells the story of Justice Wahl’s life and of the Minnesota Women’s movement of the 1970s that made it possible for her to be appointed the first woman to the Minnesota Supreme Court. During her time on the court Justice Wahl transformed the justice system in both Minnesota and the country by working for equal justice regardless of race, gender or economic status. The film shows how one individual with determination and commitment can bring about positive change in our society. The documentary will be completed by the end of 2012.

The film is being produced by Lightshed Production, LLC., [Emily Haddad and John Kaul], which has been working on the documentary for four years. “Justice Wahl has been a Washington County resident for over 60 years,” said Brent Peterson, Washington County Historical Society Executive Director, “and her contributions to the history of the state and country are immeasurable.”

According to filmmaker Emily Haddad, who is also an attorney, “the inspiration for the film came from a single speech Rosalie Wahl gave in 2003 entitled ‘On being a public citizen in dark times.’” Co-producer John Kaul added that, “the film will also educate younger generations on the battle women fought for equality in the 1970s.”

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